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Letter dated 16 September 2010 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 17 August 2010, from the Chair of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005) (see annex), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 29 April 2010 (S/AC.51/2010/2).

(*Signed*) Ertuğrul **Apakan**
President of the Security Council

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Annex to the letter dated 16 September 2010 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

On 1 July 2009, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), examined the report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in Sri Lanka (S/2009/325). Following its meeting on 29 April 2010, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on the parties to the armed conflict in Sri Lanka (S/AC.51/2010/2).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group, approved by the Security Council, and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including Security Council resolution 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, to commend the efforts undertaken by your Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in coordination with the Government of Sri Lanka to contribute actively to the protection of children.

I invite you to call upon the international community to continue to allocate adequate funding for capacity-building in Sri Lanka for the protection of children and to request the United Nations Development Programme, UNICEF and other relevant United Nations agencies, within their respective mandates and in close cooperation with the Government of Sri Lanka, to address socio-economic issues that will also contribute to addressing the welfare of children, including strengthening relevant national institutions, and provide further assistance in the implementation of rehabilitation and reintegration programmes for children.

I also kindly request you to prepare a follow-up report on the implementation of the conclusions of the Working Group to be issued in 2011, bearing in mind the end of the armed conflict in Sri Lanka.

(*Signed*) Claude **Heller**
Chairman of the Working Group on Children
and Armed Conflict